

Notice of Allowability

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1. ☐ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on 8/26/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 21 - 23.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 04 June 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____



DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to the Applicant's amendment filed on 8/26/2004.
2. Claims 21 – 23 are allowed in view of the Applicant's remarks in the amendment.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Prior art taken either singly and/or in combination, does not teach or disclose a program conversion apparatus as recited in independent claim 21 with the following features:

a retrieving unit for retrieving a pair of instructions from a source program, the first instruction indicating a first calculation of two variables and a second instruction indicating a second calculation, different than the first calculation, *on the same two variables*; and a generating unit for *generating a special instruction corresponding to the retrieval pair of instructions, the special instruction comprising an operation code denoting the first calculation and the second calculation, and two operands representing the two variables; then arranging the generated special instruction into a long-word instruction.*

The closest prior art includes:

Nishimoto, U.S. Patent 6,496,919, which discloses a compiler integrated in a very long-word instruction (VLWI) system to combine executable instructions to improve operating speed,

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but does not explicitly disclose retrieval of an instruction sequence from a source program whereby it retrieves a pair of instructions, the first denoting a first calculation of two variables, and a second instruction denoting a calculation of the same two variables.

and;

Hull et al., U.S. Patent 5,922,065, which discloses a processor using a template field for encoding a set of most useful instructions, often being of different instruction types, into a long instruction word format, but does not disclose the first instruction indicating a first calculation of two variables and a second instruction indicating a second calculation, different than the first calculation, *on the same two variables*.

Thus all remaining dependent claims 22, and 23 are also allowed. Claims 1 – 20 were cancelled in a preliminary amendment.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lawrence Shrader whose telephone number is (571) 272-3734. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 08:00-16:30.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kakali Chaki can be reached on (571) 272-3719. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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